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GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Plague and cholera in various countries.

Consul-General Mason reports, March 25, as follows:

Plague.

Egypt.—Since the beginning of March cases of plague have occurred in Alexandria and in two other places in Egypt.

On March 18 a case of plague was registered in Port Said.

British India.—During the week ended February 27 there were registered in the Bombay Presidency 9,854 cases of plague (with 7,594 deaths), of which 869 cases (772 deaths) occurred in the city of Bombay, 103 cases (96 deaths) in Karachi, 21 cases (14 deaths) in Jamnagar and 2 cases (2 deaths) in Broach.

Mauritius.—During the period from January 8 to February 4 there were registered on the Island 105 cases of plague (with 69 deaths).

Plague and cholera.

British India.—In Calcutta, during the week ended February 13, 19 persons died of cholera and 45 persons died of plague.

Cholera.

Turkey.—According to Bulletin No. 7 of March 8, there were registered in Basra during the first five days of March 5 fresh cases of cholera and 7 deaths.

INDIA.

Report from Bombay—Plague and smallpox.

Acting Asst. Surg. Edward H. Hume reports, March 19, as follows:

Mortality in Bombay city for the week ended March 15, 1904.

	Week of Mar. 15, 1904.	Same week last year.
Deaths from plague	904	1,036
Death rate—plague	60.57	69.42
Deaths from smallpox	27	69
Deaths from cholera	0	0
Total deaths	1,491	1,775
Death rate of city	99.91	118.94

Sanitary certificates (consular) Nos. 47 and 48 were issued on March 16, 1904, for 2 shipments of onions of 3,000 and 2,000 baskets, respectively, consigned to Manila to Fazal Rahim. These were grown in a district free from cholera.

Reports from Calcutta—Inspection of vessel—Death from cholera on steamship Sagami—Treatment of vessel.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Sprague reports, March 17, as follows:

During the week ended March 12, 1904, bill of health was issued to the steamship *Tioga* bound for Philadelphia. When the ship was

empty the cargo compartments were filled with straw under pressure, and later whitewashed. Rat guards were maintained on the wharf lines. Of the total crew of 58, 45 were Lascars, and their effects were disinfected. A supplemental bill of health was issued to the steamship *Sagami* bound for New York. On the morning of March 11, the day before sailing, the wife of the captain died from cholera, after an illness of five days. The body was at once removed, and under my personal observation all bedding, carpet, and articles in the cabin suspected of contamination were burned in the furnace.

The cabin was then washed down with mercuric chloride solution by the local authorities. The disinfection was completed by the liberal use of formalin in drawers and closets and on cloths suspended in the cabin. There was no evidence of infection of the ship except in this one cabin. There was a history of exposure to a sudden rain, followed by eating of ice cream and drinking of lemonade, with subsequent chill, followed by the fatal illness. A note was appended to the bill of health setting forth the above facts.

There was a total crew of 48, of which 38 were Lascars, whose effects were disinfected, together with those of 12 steerage passengers bound for St. Louis. These latter showed good vaccination scars and in two instances evidence of having had smallpox.

Rat guards were kept on the wharf lines during the ship's stay at dock, but the hold was not fumigated, owing to the presence of cargo on her arrival.

Plague rate—Infected rats.

Plague still continues about parallel with the rate of last year. Infection has recently been found among the dead rats in the infected districts.

ITALY.

Reports from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Plague in Mauritius.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, March 21 and 26, as follows: During the week ended March 19, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples:

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Mar. 14	Palatia	New York	1,244	100	1,523	17
16	Algeria	do	1,073	50	1,338	7
17	Gallia	do	1,017	50	1,110	12
18	Citta di Napoli	do	1,301	150	1,225	10
18	Prinzess Irene	do	1,211	170	1,830	10